

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 21

By Watson

A RESOLUTION to honor the University of Tennessee College of Health Professions on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pride in recognizing those outstanding institutions of higher education that, through the dedicated efforts of their students, faculty, and staff, bring honor to the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee College of Health Professions is one such estimable institution, which celebrated fifty years of excellence in teaching, quality learning experiences, and community involvement in 2022; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1972 as the College of Community and Allied Health Professions, the college was later named the College of Allied Health Science before adopting its current moniker in 2014; it serves as the administrative base for allied health programs from a variety of departments and institutions; and

WHEREAS, with campuses located in Knoxville and Memphis, the College of Health Professions is composed of the departments of Audiology and Speech Pathology, Diagnostic and Health Sciences, Occupational Therapy, and Physical Therapy, and the Division of Regenerative and Rehabilitation Sciences and offers a variety of undergraduate and graduate programs; and

WHEREAS, currently, the college has four nationally ranked programs—audiology, speech-language pathology, occupational therapy, and physical therapy—and is adding new programs to include a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Sciences with tracks for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, audiology and speech pathology, clinical laboratory sciences, kinesiology, and many others; and

WHEREAS, College of Health Professions faculty received more than \$6 million in research funding last year alone, including national funding awards from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the Department of Education; and

WHEREAS, University of Tennessee College of Health Professions graduates supply a workforce that provides leadership in health care, contributes to the knowledge bases of the respective health disciplines, and promotes lifelong learning through continuing education and the pursuit of knowledge through research to better address the health needs of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is most appropriate that we specially recognize and applaud such an exceptional institution on this historic occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the University of Tennessee College of Health Professions on the occasion of its fiftieth anniversary and extend our best wishes for much continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.